

Virginia Division of Consolidated Laboratory Services (DCLS)
1VAC30-40: Safe Drinking Water Program
July 17, 2013

Notice of Federal Register Action:

**Expedited Approval of Alternative Test Procedures for the Analysis of
Contaminants Under the Safe Drinking Water Act; Analysis and Sampling
Procedures**

On May 31, 2013 the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) approved 84 alternative test procedures for contaminants listed in the drinking water regulations. These methods are in addition to currently approved methods.

- A Fact Sheet titled "*Fact Sheet on the May 31, 2013 Federal Register Notice (PDF)*" produced by EPA on this action is available at the following link:
http://water.epa.gov/scitech/drinkingwater/labcert/analytical/methods_expedited.cfm
- Alternative Test Procedures to 40 CFR 141.21(F)(3) are published at Appendix A to Subpart C of 40 CFR 141, available at the following link: http://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/text-idx?c=ecfr&tpl=/ecfrbrowse/Title40/40cfr141_main_02.tpl

This expedited approval includes the 22nd Edition of *Standard Methods for the Examination of Water and Wastewater (Standard Methods or SM)*, for those methods with Safe Drinking Water Act approval of an earlier revision. Laboratories certified under 1VAC30-40 may adopt the latest approved edition of a reference method and are encouraged to do so in order to be as current as possible with established method and quality control protocols.

In the upcoming months the DCLS certification office will update all certificates for laboratories certified under 1VAC30-40 to reflect the revision or edition information associated with the methods in use by the laboratory. Laboratories certified under 1VAC30-40 will be given an opportunity to update to the most current approved method and will be asked to provide DCLS with information so that certificate updates can be made.